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IRAN-IRAQ MILITARY SITUATION REPORT #32
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Military Situation

Satellite photography [] shows two new Iranian HAWK sites under construction in the Abadan area. Iraq continues to launch heavy airstrikes in the Majnoon Island area, but there was no significant ground activity over the weekend. []

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Comment: The new HAWK sites are an indication that Iran probably plans an attack across the Shatt-al Arab west of Abadan. []

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Iranian Elections

The first round of elections for the 270-member Iranian Assembly appears to have proceeded smoothly yesterday. []

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Comment: There have been no surprises among the few results declared so far, and runoffs probably will be necessary. The results of this round of voting will probably not be known before this weekend. The Assembly is scheduled to convene in late May. []

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Iraqi-Kurdish Negotiations

[] negotiations between rebel Kurds and the Iraqi government over a truce are continuing at a high level,

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despite rank-and-file pressure on the leader of the Kurdish rebels to break off the talks. The negotiations between the second largest Kurdish dissident organization, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, and Baghdad have been underway since December. [redacted] progress has been made on the key question of whether to include the Iraqi region of Kirkuk in a possible Kurdish autonomous zone to be set up in the north. [redacted]

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Comment: The Kurds and Baghdad mistrust each other and difficulties in negotiations between the two sides are to be expected. Nevertheless, if the government and the Kurds have agreed to share the administration of Iraq's major oil city, Kirkuk, this would be a significant accomplishment. Now is the best time for the Kurds to reach an agreement for Kurdish autonomy while Baghdad is hard pressed fighting Iran. The negotiations have allowed Iraq to move troops from the north to the southern front. [redacted]

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